

**3SHB 1226 - H AMD 850**

By Representative Anderson

**FAILED 02/13/2006**

1       Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3       "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the purpose of this act to create a  
4 citizens' commission to establish proper campaign contribution limits,  
5 thus removing political considerations in fixing the appropriateness of  
6 the amount of such limits. The commission shall establish campaign  
7 contributions that protect citizen rights as provided for in Article I,  
8 section 5 of the state Constitution while ensuring public  
9 accountability and citizen access to elected office.

10       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The Washington citizens' commission on  
11 campaign contribution limits is created to consist of fourteen members  
12 to be selected as provided in this section.

13       (1) Seven of the fourteen commission members shall be selected by  
14 lot by the secretary of state from among those registered voters  
15 eligible to vote at the time persons are selected for appointment to  
16 full terms on the commission. No two members shall come from the same  
17 county. The secretary shall establish policies and procedures for  
18 conducting the selection by lot.

19       (2) The remaining seven of the fourteen commission members, all  
20 residents of this state, shall be selected jointly by the speaker of  
21 the house of representatives and the president of the senate. All  
22 members shall serve four-year terms and the names of the seven persons  
23 selected in this subsection for appointment to the commission shall be  
24 forwarded to the governor no later than July 1st every two years.

25       (3) No person may be appointed to more than two terms. No member  
26 of the commission may be removed during his or her term of office  
27 unless for cause of incapacity, incompetence, neglect of duty, or  
28 malfeasance in office, or for a disqualifying change of residence. The  
29 unexcused absence of any person who is a member of the commission from

1 two consecutive meetings of the commission shall constitute the  
2 relinquishment of that person's membership on the commission. Such a  
3 relinquishment creates a vacancy in that person's position on the  
4 commission. A member's absence may be excused by the chair of the  
5 commission upon the member's written request if the chair believes  
6 there is just cause for the absence. Such a request must be received  
7 by the chair before the meeting for which the absence is to be excused.  
8 A member's absence from a meeting of the commission may also be excused  
9 during the meeting for which the member is absent by the affirmative  
10 vote of a majority of the members of the commission present at the  
11 meeting.

12 (4) No state official, public employee, or lobbyist, or immediate  
13 family member of the official, employee, or lobbyist, subject to the  
14 registration requirements of chapter 42.17 RCW, is eligible for  
15 membership on the commission. As used in this subsection, the phrase  
16 "immediate family" means the parents, spouse, siblings, children, or  
17 dependent relative of the official, employee, or lobbyist whether or  
18 not living in the household of the official, employee, or lobbyist.

19 (5) Upon a vacancy in any position on the commission, a successor  
20 shall be selected and appointed to fill the unexpired term. The  
21 selection and appointment shall be concluded within thirty days of the  
22 date the position becomes vacant and shall be conducted in the same  
23 manner as originally provided.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The commission shall adopt a schedule of  
25 campaign contribution limits for:

- 26 (a) Candidates for state legislative office;
- 27 (b) Candidates for state office other than state legislative  
28 office;
- 29 (c) Candidates for county office in a county that has over two  
30 hundred thousand registered voters;
- 31 (d) Candidates for special purpose district office if that district  
32 is authorized to provide freight and passenger transfer and terminal  
33 facilities and that district has over two hundred thousand registered  
34 voters;
- 35 (e) Persons holding an office in (a) through (d) of this subsection  
36 against whom recall charges have been filed or to a political committee

1 having the expectation of making expenditures in support of the recall  
2 of a person holding the office;

3 (f) Caucus political committees;

4 (g) Bona fide political parties;

5 (h) Candidates for the state supreme court and court of appeals.

6 (2) Members of the commission shall receive no compensation for  
7 their services, but shall be eligible to receive a subsistence  
8 allowance and travel expenses pursuant to RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

9 (3) The members of the commission shall elect a chair from among  
10 their number. The commission shall set a schedule of campaign  
11 contribution limits by an affirmative vote of not less than eight  
12 members of the commission.

13 (4) The commission shall file its initial schedule of campaign  
14 contribution limits for individuals included in subsection (1) of this  
15 section with the secretary of state no later than October 1, 2006, and  
16 shall file a schedule biennially thereafter. Each schedule shall be  
17 filed in legislative bill form, shall be assigned a chapter number and  
18 published with the session laws of the legislature, and shall be  
19 codified by the statute law committee. The signature of the chair of  
20 the commission shall be affixed to each schedule submitted to the  
21 secretary of state. The chair shall certify that the schedule has been  
22 adopted in accordance with the provisions of state law and with the  
23 rules, if any, of the commission. The schedules shall become effective  
24 ninety days after the filing thereof.

25 (5) Before the filing of any campaign contribution limit schedule,  
26 the commission shall first develop a proposed schedule and then hold no  
27 fewer than four regular meetings as defined by chapter 42.30 RCW to  
28 take public testimony on the proposed schedule within the four months  
29 immediately preceding the filing. At the last public hearing that is  
30 held as a regular meeting on the proposed schedule, the commission  
31 shall adopt the schedule as originally proposed or as amended at that  
32 meeting that will be filed with the secretary of state.

33 (6) All meetings, actions, hearings, and business of the commission  
34 shall be subject in full to the open public meetings act under chapter  
35 42.30 RCW.

36 (7) The campaign contribution limits filed by the commission shall  
37 take effect on January 1, 2007, and shall continue until modified by  
38 the commission under this section."

1 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Replaces campaign contribution limits in the proposed substitute bill with a fourteen member Washington citizens' commission that will establish campaign contribution limits.

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